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During the same period there were 8 cases of smallpox, with no deaths, and a total number of deaths from all causes of 173.

Respectfully,

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Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Smallpox in Cebu.

CEBU, P. I., *March 12, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that smallpox has appeared in Cebu. Up to the present time 5 cases with 1 death have been reported. Its presence was first reported on March 9, 1901. I am of the opinion that it was introduced by land and not through the quarantine here, as numerous cases have been known to be present both on the west coast and in the interior of this island for some time past. I began yesterday to vaccinate all nonimmune members of crews and all nonimmune steerage passengers leaving this port as a precautionary measure. This was done, not because of any great present danger but to guard as far as possible for the future. Very few persons in the local trade have been vaccinated, but I find a large proportion of those on boats who visit Manila have been.

Another matter I wish to report is that there has been of late a large number of cases of glandular enlargement with fever here. This has evidently been going on for some time and has not been reported to the health authority here. The information available on the subject is so meager (as there is a very evident effort to conceal it) that I can not at this time furnish any definite evidence as to the character of the disease. I interviewed a Spanish practitioner here who says he has had 9 or 10 cases in which the symptoms were very mild, and among which there were no deaths. He says he has heard that 2 or 3 deaths have occurred in cases treated by "practecantes." He does not think the disease is plague, but called my attention to the fact that many rats have been dying here of late, a fact which I have noted in person.

He is a very competent man and his opinion is worth consideration. He has promised that if another case occurs in his practice to tell me at once and to let me see the case with him.

With respect to the vaccination now going on I wish to state that Surgeon-Major Lippett, chief surgeon of this district, has offered to furnish me all the vaccine necessary for this purpose free of charge. He has also offered me a professional vaccinator to assist me for two or three hours each day. Both these offers have been accepted, and I wish to return thanks herewith for this assistance.

I will, if possible, find more about the glandular cases above noted, and any information I receive will be immediately communicated to you.

Respectfully,

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Mortality of Iloilo and San Nicholas during February, 1901.

MANILA, P. I., *March 20, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit below mortality statistics of Iloilo and San Nicholas for the month of February, 1901, extracted from the reports of the medical officers at Iloilo and Cebu, respectively.

Number and cause of deaths in the city of Iloilo for the month of February, 1901, as reported by the city physician: Broncho-pneumonia, 1; pulmonary hemorrhage, 1; heart disease, 1; dysentery, 2; pulmonary tuberculosis, 4; malarial fever, 1; intestinal catarrh, 2; intestinal colic, 1; inanition, 1; anthrax, 1; enteritis, 1; asphyxia (child), 1; eclampsia, 11; bronchitis, 9; anæmia, 1; childbirth, 1; beriberi, 1. Total, 40.

Report of the number and cause of the deaths occurring in the town of San Nicholas for the month of February, 1901: Phthisis, 3; fever, 16; beriberi, 4; intermittent fever, 9; dysentery, 2; paralysis, 2. Total, 36. Estimated population, 35,000.

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Plague and smallpox increasing in Manila—Additional quarantine measures.

MANILA, P. I., March 27, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report confirmatory of my cablegram of the 26th instant, "Plague increasing, inspecting, disinfecting boats for island ports. Send 70 additional carboys plain formalin," that both plague and smallpox have increased considerably during the past two weeks. The statistics for the week ended March 23, 1901, being as follows: Plague, 23 cases and 15 deaths—Chinese, 18; Filipinos, 5. Smallpox, 50 cases and no deaths. This number of cases will be exceeded during the current week.

As yet, other ports in the Philippines remain free from plague, and in view of the great number of boats sailing from this port for other places in the Philippine Archipelago, and the large number of Chinese and native passengers carried, I have deemed it advisable to inspect all vessels of this class, and to disinfect all baggage of the second and third class passengers. This is the only way in which the other ports can be protected, as inspection of vessels is enforced at only a few, and no means for disinfecting exist.

The inclosed circular letter was sent to the different steamship agents, 36 in number, and no friction has occurred in instituting these regulations. All ferry boats are also inspected to see that no suspects are removed to Cavite and adjoining towns.

The inspection is thorough and no sick natives or Chinese are allowed to sail, and if found on board at inspection, no matter what the disease, they are removed and reported to the board of health for their surveillance pending developments.

This outgoing quarantine considerably increases the already laborious work of this office, as I have to take charge of the inspectors in addition to many other duties. I think the work can be accomplished with 4 additional employees, whose nominations will be submitted at an early date.

Respectfully,

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